Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages \$3663-\$3768

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3356–3376, and S. Res. 524–525. Page S3716

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled "Social Security Modernization: Options to Address Solvency and Benefit Adequacy". (S. Rept. No. 111–187)

S. 624, to provide 100,000,000 people with first-time access to safe drinking water and sanitation on a sustainable basis by 2015 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to fully implement the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–185)

S. 2839, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for treatment of victims of torture, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–186)

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Measures Passed:

National Stuttering Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 524, supporting the goals and ideals of National Stuttering Awareness Week 2010.

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Virgin Islands National Park: Senate passed H.R. 714, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

Pages S3761-62

Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Improvements Act: Senate passed S. 1132, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S3762-63

National Transportation Safety Board: Senate passed S. 2768, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National

Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2011 and 2012, and for other purposes, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

Dodd (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 4038, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. Pages S3763–66

Dodd (for Dorgan/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 4039, to amend the title. Page S3766

Expressing Sympathy Regarding the Republic of Korea Ship Cheonan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 525, expressing sympathy to the families of those killed in the sinking of the Republic of Korea Ship Cheonan, and solidarity with the Republic of Korea in the aftermath of this tragic incident. Page S3766

Measures Considered:

Restoring American Financial Stability Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 64 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 146), Dodd (for Franken) Amendment No. 3991 (to Amendment No. 3739), to instruct the Securities and Exchange Commission to establish a self-regulatory organization to assign credit rating agencies to provide initial credit ratings.

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By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 147), LeMieux Modified Amendment No. 3774 (to Amendment No. 3739), to remove statutory references to credit rating agencies.

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By 64 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 149), Dodd (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 3989 (to Amendment No. 3739), to ensure that the fees that small businesses and other entities are charged for accepting debit cards are reasonable and proportional to the costs incurred, and to limit payment card networks from imposing anti-competitive restrictions on